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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

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Identification of prior art discussed: US Patent No. 6146373 to Cragg, US Patent NO. 6248092 to Miraki, US Patent NO. 5817072 to Lampropoulos, US Patent NO. 5693031 to Ryan et al, US Patent NO. 5868817 to Moenning.

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